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OF LABOR GROUP PROGRAM

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1. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT GSEE PRESIDENT NIKOS
PAPAGEORGIOU WILL ATTEND THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION AND THAT
HE IS SENDING A TELEGRAM TO AFL/CIO PRESIDENT MEANY TODAY
CONFIRMING HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE AFL-CIO INVITATION (REFS.
B AND D). (PAPAGEORGIOU HAD ADVISED THE AFL-CIO LAST FRIDAY
THAT HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND. HE UNDERSTANDS, OF
COURSE, THAT HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL AND OTHER COSTS OF THE VISIT. HE WILL, HOWEVER, NEED
AN INTERPRETER.)

2. PAPAGEORGIOU REGRETS VERY MUCH THAT HE IS UNABLE
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL STUDY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY
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THE OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
(REF A). HE HAS PROPOSED THAT HE BE REPRESENTED IN THIS
PROGRAM BY IOANNIS IORDANIDES WHO IS: (A) A MEMBER OF THE
GSEE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
(B) ALTERNATE ORGANIZATION SECRETARY OF THE GSEE AND ALSO
(C) HEAD OF THE LEATHER WORKERS FEDERZTION OF GREECE. THE
EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT OLAB APPROVE THIS

SUBSTITUTION. NOVEMBER 20 IS ELECTION DAY IN GREECE BUT IORDANIDES HAS AGREED TO VOTE EARLY IN ORDER TO DEPART IN TIME TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON NOVEMBER 20.

3. IORDANIDES WILL NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF AN INTERPRETER AT ALL TIMES. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO USE THE SERVICES OF THE SAME INTERPRETER FOR GSEE PRESIDENT PAPAGEORGIOU DURING THE PERIOD THAT HE AND IORDANIDES WILL BOTH BE AT THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION.

4. OMIROS ANAGNOSTIDES HAS ADVISED US, DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE, THAT HE REGRETTED VERY MUCH THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP LABOR PROJECT UNDER THE IVP (REFS C AND D) BECAUSE OF COMPELLING GSEE BUSINESS. (HE EXPLAINED THAT HE IS NOW HEAVILY COMMITTED IN ORGANIZING A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER.) WE TOO REGRET THAT ANAGNOSTIDES WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR IVP GRANT AT THIS TIME BUT HOPE TO NOMINATE HIM FOR ANOTHER SUITABLE GROUP PROJECT OR INDIVIDUAL GRANT IN THE FUTURE. IN VIEW OF THE PARTICIPATION OF IORDANIDES (ABOVE) IN THE OLAB PROGRAM WE DO NOT INTEND TO PROPOSE ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE FOR ANAGNOSTIDES UNDER THE IVP.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE OLAB APPROVAL OF IORDANIDES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INTERPRETER FOR PAPAGEORGIOU AT THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION. A NAME CHECK ON IORDANIDES WAS NEGATIVE. BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

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